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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 June 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 5-9 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 and 10-14 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 30 June 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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1. Claims 1-14 are pending. Claims 1, 5, 9, 10, and 13 are independent.

2. Claims 1-14 are objected to because of the following:

Claim 1, line 4, "at least including" should read – including at least --.

Claims 2-4 are objected to as being dependent on objected claim 1.

Claim 5, lines 12-13, it is unclear whether "the set of reflecting mirrors" is referring "a plurality of reflecting mirrors" of line 10.

Claim 7, "the reflecting mirrors" and "has" do not subject-verb agreement.

Claim 8, "a length of the scan line" should be changed to – the length of the scan line – if the term is referring to "a length of the scan line" of line 8 of claim 5.

Claims 6-8 are objected to as being dependent on objected claim 5.

Claim 9, line 1, claim 10, line 4, and claim 13, line 1, "at least comprising" should be changed to – comprising – since "comprising" already is for an open-end statement. Use of "at least" in front of "comprising" makes it redundant.

Claims 11, 12, and 14 are objected to as being dependent on objected claim 10 or claim 13.

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

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A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

4. Claims 5-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Applicant's admitted prior art.

Regarding claim 5, Applicant's admitted prior art method and scanner are discussed in the specification, paragraph [0007], with reference to prior art Figs. 1-3. A method of Applicant's prior art meets the claim 5 method to the extent of the claim. The scanner has a platform (106) and a scanning head (110) capable of moving in a scanning direction (a direction into or out of the page showing Fig. 1) to scan a document (108) placed on the platform (106). A scattering light source (lamp 112) mounted on the scanning head (110) is provided. A parallel beam (113) is projected from the scattering light source (112) onto the platform (106) to produce a scan line (a produced scan line as viewed from above the platform (106) and the upper portions of the outer casing 102), a length of the scan line is automatically defined as a maximum width of scanning on the document as allowed by the upper portions of the outer casing 102 and as viewed from above the platform 106), a plurality of reflecting mirrors (114s) sequentially positioned along an optical path beyond the document (108) are provided (Fig. 2), a lens (116) positioned along an optical path beyond the plurality of reflecting mirrors is provided (Fig. 2), and a photo-sensor (118) is provided along an optical path

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beyond the lens (116). The parallel beam from the light source (112) projecting onto the platform (106) sequentially passes through the reflecting mirrors (114s) and the lens (116) to arrive at the photo-sensor (118) after reflection (Fig. 2).

Regarding claim 6, the light source (112) includes a scattering lamp tube (112) (Figs. 1 and 3).

Regarding claim 7, according to prior art Fig. 2, the reflecting mirrors (the two mirrors positioned closer to the lens 116) each have a length smaller than the length of the scattering light source (112).

Regarding claim 8, the length of the scan line as defined and discussed above for claim 5 is considered an optimal width of the window (the window having a length L_3 shown in Fig. 1) on the platform (106) allowable because of the upper portions of the outer casing (102).

5. Claim 9 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Kitamura et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,747,765).

Regarding claim 9, Kitamura et al. discloses an outer casing and a platform for a scanner, comprising an outer casing (shown in Fig. 1) having an opening section (see top part of Fig. 1), wherein lower edges of the opening section have supporting surfaces, and a platform (202) on the supporting surfaces, wherein an area of the platform (202) is identical to an area of the opening section.

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6. Claims 1-4 and 10-14 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the objection(s) set forth in this Office action.

7. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claims 1, 10 and 13 would be allowable because in Applicant's admitted prior art (Figs. 1 and 3), the length of the long side of the shell body of the scanning head (110) is not smaller than the length of the platform (106) along a direction perpendicular to the scanning direction (a direction into the page).

Claims 2-4 depend on claim 1.

Claims 11 and 12 depend on claim 10.

Claim 14 depends on claim 13.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

8. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Haas et al. (U.S. Patent No. 7,145,701), "Scanner comprising a housing configured to facilitate manual removal of an object from the scanner platen"

Gann (U.S. Patent No. 6,768,564), housing in Fig. 1

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9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Cheukfan Lee whose telephone number is (571) 272-7407. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Mon-Fri.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward L. Coles can be reached on (571) 272-7402. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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